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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 27, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable EARL BLUMENAUER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend James T. Golden, Ward Temple A.M.E. Church, Bradenton, Florida, offered the following prayer:

God omnipotent, God omniscient, God omnipresent: We thank You for Your mercy that gently awakened us this morning for another day of service to our Nation. And we thank You for Your grace that will empower us to overcome any challenges we will face.

We pray now for our President and all of our fellow servants in Federal, State, and local government across the land. Let Thy will be done today in everything they see, everything they utter, everything they hear, everything they think, and everything they feel.

We also pray for our vigilant, valiant Armed Forces as they protect our interests, defend our liberty, and secure justice at home and abroad in selfless sacrifice for our country.

O God our help in ages past, God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus far along the way, O God our hope for years to come, keep our Nation forever in Thy path of goodness and righteousness we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the House of the following title:

S. 2085. An act to delay for 6 months the requirement to use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid program.

INTRODUCING THE REVEREND JAMES T. GOLDEN

(Ms. CASTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a wonderful man and my constituent, the Reverend James T. Golden of the Ward Temple A.M.E. Church in Bradenton, Florida. He is the guest chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Reverend Golden is a pillar of the Tampa Bay community, with a long record of public service and dedication. In the year 2000, he was elected to the Bradenton City Council, which he continues to represent with distinction.

Reverend Golden is a veteran of the United States Army. He received a

bachelor's degree in business administration from Stetson University in Deland, Florida, and went on to become a master of divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He returned to Florida to attend the University of Florida and received his juris doctorate. Reverend Golden has shared his great knowledge and insight with students throughout Florida, and he ministers to the congregation of the Ward Temple A.M.E. Church in Bradenton and serves his community through many nonprofit organizations.

He is joined today by his wife Mildred, nephew Kahreem, and niece Lyleigha. I am proud to stand in recognition of his accomplishments and leadership today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side.

GLOBAL WARMING

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Earlier this week, the world came together at the United Nations to discuss the need to take action against climate change. The United Nations Secretary General stated, "I am convinced that climate change and what we do about it will define us, our era, and ultimately the global legacy we leave for our future generations." Missing from the discussion, however, was none other than the United States.

Rather than engage, the Bush administration continues to bury its head in the sand, organizing summits to discuss aspirational goals and ignoring real science.

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The science is certain. Human activity impacts human security, and without a mandatory agreement, the costs of climate change will continue to be socialized. Business as usual cannot go on. We must commit to mandatory reductions in order to protect health, environment, and security around the world.

Our cities, States, and Democrats in Congress are leading by example. I hope the administration will join us and our colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Vulnerable communities in the United States and around the world deserve nothing less.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLLAND TRANSFER COMPANY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the finest and oldest logistics companies in the State of North Carolina. Holland Transfer Company in Statesville, North Carolina embodies the ethics of good business that separates great companies from the rest.

This week, Holland Transfer celebrates its 100th anniversary and its longstanding commitment to running a customer service-centered business. This company has transported goods and materials to North Carolina businesses since 1907 and is the oldest carrier in the State.

In the 100 years since its founding, Holland has built a strong reputation as a company that its customers can depend on to provide high-quality service without having to worry about getting shortchanged. Not many companies reach such a 100-year benchmark. In fact, it is doubtful that when Holland Transfer Company began with a team of horses and a single wagon that its founder, S.R. Holland, envisioned a company that today is a major part of the Statesville community.

Today, Holland Transfer embodies Christian values as part of its company character. These values are an integral part of what has made Holland Transfer successful for 100 years. I wish this fine company and all its employees all the best and many more years of doing business the right way. It is businesses like Holland Transfer that make this country great.

IRAN AND LATIN AMERICA

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to put the spotlight on an ominous trend in our region. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may have left New York, but he remains close by. From the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Ahmadinejad flew to Bolivia and then

to his friend, Hugo Chavez, in Venezuela.

Ahmadinejad, with his hate-filled rhetoric and his funding of global terrorism, is too close for comfort. I rise to urge our friends in Latin America to refuse the Iranian president's advances and see him for what he is: a bully who disregards international will and who ignores our efforts against terrorism.

The 1994 bombing of the Argentine Jewish Community Center shows that the Iranian presence in Latin America has been dangerous in the past. This week, Argentina called on the U.N. General Assembly to urge Iran to more fully cooperate with the investigation so that justice can finally be served for this heinous act of terrorism.

Coming from south Florida where I live, when something happens in Latin America, we feel it. My district has many economic and familial ties to Latin America. Our friends in Latin America have been our partners in fighting terrorism, and we look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial partnership with these countries to make our areas safe and more secure.

ARE YOU PUSHING OR PULLING BACK THERE?

(Mr. AKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AKIN. When I traveled in rural Missouri a number of years ago, I had a favorite truck stop. And on the wall among the things they sold was a picture of a little John Deere green wagon with yellow wheels, had a bail of hay, and it looked like a wheel was sort of stuck on a bump. And there was a little kid with Oshkosh overalls pushing on it, and another kid with the tongue, and he is looking over his shoulder, and in the caption, "Are you pushing or are you pulling back there?" And that picture kind of comes to mind when I think of our Democrat leadership.

We have got 130,000 troops in the field and they have already declared defeat; and I am kind of wondering, are you pushing or pulling back there?

And then we have unanimous consent for General Petraeus, and before he can deliver the report that the Democrats asked to have delivered, they are savaging him in the New York Times as "General Betray Us." And I am thinking, are you pushing or pulling back there?

And now we are talking about affording all kinds of special rights to terrorists that are in jail. It makes me think one more time: By golly, guys, are you pushing or pulling back there?

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(Ms. SHEA-PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Yesterday, there was a resolution before the House

which I voted for, and the reason I voted for it was because it stated it expresses our appreciation, talking about General Petraeus, for his personal sacrifices and those of his family, as well as the sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces and their families.

I too had a husband who served in the Armed Forces, and I was a family member, and so I supported that. But here is where I have trouble. It went on to attack MoveOn.org, saying such unwarranted attacks should be strongly condemned by Republicans and Democrats alike in the House.

I, too, would like to improve the tone here in this House. I would like to see civility. But they forgot to mention something in that resolution. They forgot to condemn the Swift Boating; they forgot to condemn the comments against Senator Max Cleland and other veterans who served this country honorably as well.

I wait for a new resolution that condemns behavior on both sides of the aisle attacking all veterans from all political persuasions. Until then, I support free speech.

BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina and to thank them for their service in raising public awareness of brain injuries. Leaders of this cause have been my longtime friends Lyman and JoAnne Whitehead of Irmo.

An estimated 1.4 million Americans sustain a brain injury yearly. In particular, many of our brave men and women serving in the central front of Iraq and Afghanistan have experienced some form of traumatic brain injury. It is vital that we do all that we can to address our veterans just as we address the needs of civilians living with this condition.

The Brain Injury Alliance is helping to lead the way in informing the public of the dangers of this complex injury and what can be done to help individuals rehabilitate. Their public awareness campaign uses different forms of media and community outreach to ensure that citizens are well educated on this issue. Thousands of individuals and their families will surely benefit from this thoughtful assistance.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday there was a continuing resolution with a motion to recommit that attacked